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REMARKS

Claims 2-3, 5-8, 11, 14-15, 18 and 26-31 were pending in the application. To expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled claims 2-3, 5-8, 11, 14-15, 18, 26, 28, and 30. Please cancel the claims without prejudice as Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application. Claims 27, 29, and 31 have each been amended to incorporate the limitations of respective base claims and intervening claims. No new matter has been added. Accordingly claims 27, 29, and 31 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

I. The § 102/103 Rejections

Claims 2-3, 5-7, 11, 14-15, 18 and 26-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,420,605 ("Vouri") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,344,865 ("Matthews III").

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vouri and Matthews III in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,580,434 ("Curtis").

Claim 27, as amended, recites a computer system including a resolution changing unit operable to zoom in on an image displayed on a display screen in accordance with a pre-determined magnification amount by changing a resolution of the display apparatus from a first resolution to a second resolution in response to user input selecting a zoom factor. The image is displayed within an active window and the resolution changing unit is operable to zoom in on the image displayed on the display screen by resizing the active window, in which a size of an inactive window being displayed on the display screen remains unchanged irrespective of the resolution change of the display apparatus from the first resolution to the second resolution.

A. *Vouri Fails To Disclose A Size Of An Inactive Window Being Displayed On The Display Screen Remaining Unchanged Irrespective Of The Resolution Change Of The Display Apparatus From The First Resolution To The Second Resolution*

Vouri discloses a system and method for resetting a screen display mode in a computer system having a display monitor (see Abstract). In particular, Vouri's system includes a zoom function that permits a user to enlarge an image that appears on the screen of the display monitor by setting the hardware mode of the display monitor to a lower resolution (col. 11, 47-64).

While Vouri may disclose a system changes the resolution of a display monitor to perform a zoom function Vouri, however, fails to disclose a size of an inactive window being displayed on the display screen remaining unchanged irrespective of the resolution change of the display apparatus from the first resolution to the second resolution (emphasis added). Instead, Vouri discloses repainting the entire screen of the display monitor to enlarge an image on the screen (col. 12, ll. 14-17). Moreover, Vouri teaches changing all screen size variables whenever screen a screen resolution is changed (see col. 7, ll. 60-65). Thus, all windows (whether active or inactive) in Vouri's system are enlarged whenever a zoom function is performed.

The Examiner argues on page 5 of the Action, that Vouri discloses a size of an inactive window remaining unchanged irrespective on a resolution change because – if the window is inactive, the resolution change operation will not be in operation.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner is construing the term “inactive window” too broad. Although the Examiner is entitled to a reasonably broad interpretation of the claim terms, the Examiner must interpret the claims consistent with the specification. MPEP §2111, citing *In re Prater*, 415 F.2d 1393, 1404-05, 162 USPQ 541, 550-51 (CCPA 1969). Applicant's specification at page 11 lines 13-17 discloses that conventional operating systems typically include a multi-window environment that includes “active” windows and “inactive”

windows. Applicant submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the term "inactive window" (as recited in claim 1) refers to an inactive window in a multi-window operating system, and not a window is not non-functional or not in working condition.

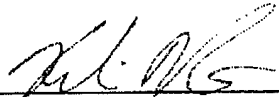
B. Other Independent Claims

Claims 29 and 31 each incorporates limitations similar to those of claim 27. Claims 29 and 31 are also allowable over Vouri for reasons corresponding to those set forth with respect to claim 27.

Applicant submits that the claims should be in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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